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Form 10-300  
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM**

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Kansas	
COUNTY: Marshall	
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER	DATE

<b>1. NAME</b>	
COMMON:	Frankfort School
AND/OR HISTORIC:	

<b>2. LOCATION</b>			
STREET AND NUMBER: 400 Locust street			
CITY OR TOWN: Frankfort			
STATE Kansas	CODE 66427	COUNTY: Marshall	CODE 117

<b>3. CLASSIFICATION</b>			
CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ _____

<b>4. OWNER OF PROPERTY</b>	
OWNER'S NAME: Unified School District No. 380	STATE: Kansas
STREET AND NUMBER: Office of the Board of Education	
CITY OR TOWN: Frankfort	
STATE: Kansas	
CITY OR TOWN: Frankfort	CODE 20

<b>5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION</b>	
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC: Register of Deeds	COUNTY: Marshall
STREET AND NUMBER: Marshall County Courthouse	
CITY OR TOWN: Marysville	
STATE: Kansas	
CITY OR TOWN: Marysville	CODE 20

<b>6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS</b>	
TITLE OF SURVEY: NONE	
DATE OF SURVEY:	<input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:	
STREET AND NUMBER:	
CITY OR TOWN:	STATE:
CITY OR TOWN:	CODE

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## 7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Frankfort School is a two-story rectangular structure in the Renaissance style with a full basement partially above grade. Located at the northwest corner of Locust and Fourth streets, the building is situated at a 45 degree angle and faces southeast. Its walls are constructed of greyish-brown face brick trimmed with limestone. The basement is faced with rough hewn limestone blocks laid in uniform horizontal courses. The shingled roof of the building is segmented into four quarters each with a hipped roof. These are interconnected with a steeply pitched central roof. Emphasizing the roof line is an unusually wide overhang which is decorated by closely spaced wood brackets on the soffit. A broad one-story porch supported by six wood columns with ionic capitals emphasizes the main entrance on the southeast facade. Another outstanding feature that makes the building particularly notable is the use of decorative stone trim, especially at the windows. The basement windows occur in the stone basement walls with simple sills and jambs. A massive ribbon of rough hewn stone blocks occurs at the first floor line and separates the stone from the face brick above. It also forms the lintel for the basement windows. The first floor windows are double wide rectangular openings with smoothed stone sills. The sill stone occurs continuously around the building as does a stone band at the window head. Rough hewn stone blocks of alternating width ornament the first floor window jambs. The window heads are flat stone arches of rough hewn tapered stones with a large smoothed keystone. The second story windows are double wide with stone sills and jambs similar to the first floor. The second floor windows have a semi-circular arched head of large blocks of stone with a huge keystone. Stone quoins of alternating width rough hewn blocks are used at all building corners. A massive brick chimney with stone quoining rises at the center of the northwest facade.

The only major changes to the building's exterior have occurred above the roof line. A cupola formerly was situated atop the entrance tower. Dormers similar to the one behind the chimney were located in each of the outward facing segments of the hip roofs and centered on each side, except the front.

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## 3. SIGNIFICANCE

## PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

☐ Pre-Columbian  
☐ 15th Century

☐ 16th Century  
☐ 17th Century

☐ 18th Century  
☐ 19th Century

☒ 20th Century

## SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

1902-1903

## AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

☐ Aboriginol

☐ Prehistoric

☐ Historic

☐ Agriculture

☒ Architecture

☐ Art

☐ Commerce

☐ Communications

☐ Conservation

☐ Education

☐ Engineering

☐ Industry

☐ Invention

☐ Landscape

☐ Architecture

☐ Literature

☐ Military

☐ Music

☐ Political

☐ Religion/Phi-

☐ losophy

☐ Science

☐ Sculpture

☐ Social/Human-

☐ itarian

☐ Theater

☐ Transportation

☐ Urban Planning

☐ Other (Specify)

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Frankfort School was erected in 1902-03 to replace an 1880 building which had been struck by lightning on August 20, 1902, and burned beyond repair. Within weeks after the fire a local architect, A. W. Snodgrass, was hired to prepare plans and specifications for a new school building. On November 21 a picture of the proposed structure was printed in the Frankfort Review, along with an announcement that the contract for construction would be let soon. Shortly thereafter, two Frankfort men, Olaf Anderson and John C. Reipen, were awarded the contracts, respectively, for the stone work and the carpentry work. Excavation of the basement was completed by mid-December, and the school house was finished in time for classes to begin October 19, 1903, although the opening date had been somewhat delayed. The final cost of the building was estimated to be \$20,000.

At first the elementary school used the first floor and a three-year high school occupied the second floor. (The fourth year was added in 1905.) As the population of surrounding rural areas decreased, many schools were consolidated with Frankfort District No. 35. Following the construction of a new high school in 1923, the building has been used only for elementary classes.

The building is an excellent example of Renaissance influenced turn-of-the-century school architecture in Kansas.



## 9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Bush, Maynie Shearer and Winifred Shearer, compilers, The Frankfort Story (n. p., 1967), pp. 19-21.  
 Forter, Emma E., History of Marshall County, Kansas (Indianapolis, Ind., B. F. Bowen and Co., 1917), p. 167.  
 "Frankfort Schools Calendar, 1913-14" (n. p., 1913).  
 Frankfort Weekly Review, August 22, September 12, December 19, 1902; August 7, September 25, October 16, 23, 1903.  
 Marysville Advocate-Democrat, September 19, November 28, 1920; March 20, April 10, July 16, 1903; April 14, 1927.

## 10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds
NW	0	0		39	42	16
NE	0	0		96	25	02
SE	0	0				
SW	0	0				

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: One acre

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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## 11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: Richard D. Pankratz, Planner  
Charles L. Hall, Architectural Consultant

ORGANIZATION: Kansas State Historical Society DATE: November 1, 1971

STREET AND NUMBER: 120 West Tenth Street

CITY OR TOWN: Topeka STATE: Kansas 66612 CODE: 20

## 12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National ☐ State ☒ Local ☒

Name: Nyle H. Miller  
Nyle H. Miller

Title: Executive Secretary, Kansas State Historical Society

Date: June 14, 1972

## NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

ATTEST:

Keeper of The National Register

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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9. Topeka Capital, January 2, 1958.  
Women's Kansas Day Club, compilers, Early Day Schools in Kansas, v. 1  
(n. p., 1961), p. 43.